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**ALASKA SALMON PACK
EXCEEDS 5,000,000 CASES**

The total Alaska salmon pack for this year will be slightly in excess of 5,000,000 cases, according to estimates made by E. M. Ball, assistant fisheries agent for Southeastern Alaska, made public today, says a recent issue of the Juneau Empire. This pack has only been exceeded twice in the history of the salmon industry in the Territory—in 1917 and 1918—when 5,922,330 and 6,677,569 cases respectively were put up.

Mr. Ball's estimate places the total pack this year at 5,022,600 cases. In arriving at these figures, packs of individual canneries were used, some being actual pack figures and others packs to recent dates and estimates on the packs for the remainder of the season, it is stated. In every case the cannery estimates are considered to be conservative. The total estimated pack is more than 500,000 cases larger than the pack of last year, when 4,501,428 cases were packed.

The increased production is due to the heavy production in Southeastern Alaska canneries, which it is estimated, will put up 2,908,600 cases, as compared with 1,994,679 for 1922, a gain of 913,921 cases. Other Alaska districts show declines as a whole. In western Alaska, that is the Bristol Bay district, this year's pack is estimated to be 1,200,000 as compared to 1,474,221 cases in 1922, and in Central Alaska, 914,000 as compared with 1,032,000 in 1922, a total loss for the two districts of 392,749 cases. This means, said Mr. Ball, that the pack of red fish will be something like 25 per cent less than last year's output.